

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title insert the following:

**--RELATED APPLICATIONS**

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**FIELD OF THE INVENTION--**

On page 1, before line 17, insert the following heading:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--**

On page 2, before line 24, insert the following heading:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

On page 2, revise the paragraph beginning at line 24 as follows:

The One aim of the present invention is ~~therefore to propose~~ to provide a process enabling efficacious separation of zinc and the second metal with the immediate advantage of proposing improvement for each of the metals in their respective dies.

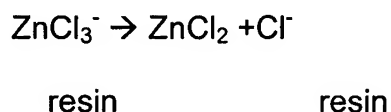
Revise the paragraph bridging pages 2-3 as follows:

According to an embodiment of the invention, this process is characterised in that the formation of anionic complex is obtained by bringing the effluent in contact with the resin saturated in chloride ions, and in that the process further comprises the stages of:

- extraction of the second metal chloride by means of a first eluent, then
- extraction of the zinc with a degree of oxidation +II.

Revise the paragraph bridging pages 3-4 as follows:

A first way ~~consists of~~ involves extracting the Zn with the degree of oxidation +II by means of a second eluent allowing dilution of the concentration of chloride ions, the effect of which is to dissociate the  $\text{ZnCl}_3^-$  complex according to the reaction:



$\text{ZnCl}_2$ , which has no further affinity with the resin, can then be extracted.

Page 4, revise the paragraphs beginning at lines 11 and 17 as follows:

A second way ~~consists of~~ involves realising a desorption stage for the zinc with its degree of oxidation +II by transformation, by means of a reagent, of the  $\text{ZnCl}_3^-$  complex into a zinc complex more stable than the  $\text{ZnCl}_3^-$  complex, and non absorbed by the resin.

A third way ~~consists of~~ involves realising an electrolytic desorption stage for the zinc with its degree of oxidation +II.

On page 4, before line 30, insert the following heading:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

On page 4, before line 37, insert the following heading:

**--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

On page 11, revise the paragraph beginning at line 15 as follows:

A first way ~~consists of~~ involves dissociating the anionic  $\text{ZnCl}_3^-$  complex to form free  $\text{ZnCl}_2$ . This dissociation is performed by means of a second eluent 21 allowing dilution, and thus the diminishing, of the concentration of chloride ions in the medium contained inside the column 11.